All of the differences listed (and more) can have important policy implications for Foundational Public Health Services. We explore selected quantifiable differences among Washington LHJs in the following graphics.

Organizational model

- Governance
- Structure
- Revenue mix
- Service delivery methods

Geography

- Physical features
- Area
- Urban/suburban/rural
- Density

Population served

- Wealth
- Race/Ethnicity
- Special needs

Local characteristics

- Health issues
- Preferences and priorities
- Culture

A wide range of revenue mix and human resources scenarios exists among Washington LHJs.

Washington LHJs serve populations of vastly different sizes, but public health spending is not necessarily proportional to the population size.

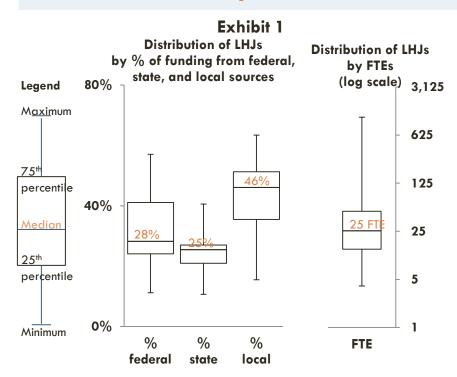
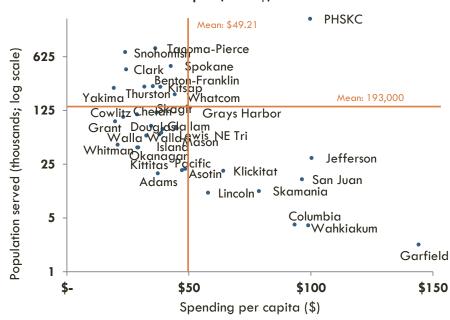


Exhibit 2 LHJs by population served and public health spending per capita (2013 \$)



Source: BARS, 2011

Across Washington, LHJs come in a range of sizes; both in terms of population served and in terms of area covered (square miles).

Some LHJs report to county government, while others are jointly chartered with cities. Still others are quasi-autonomous health districts with no taxing authority.

